

energy special session of Congress. Under article II, section 3 of the Constitution, the President has the power, quote, on extraordinary occasions to convene the Congress. If \$4 a gallon of gas isn't an extraordinary occasion that demands action by the Congress, I don't know what is.

The Congress should stay in session and do its job and give the bipartisan pro-drilling majority a vote. And, Mr. President, if this Congress tries to leave town without voting on more drilling, use your constitutional authority, bring them back and make them work.

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPO

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Congressman MARK UDALL and Congressman ZACH WAMP and the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus for sponsoring the expo today in the Cannon Caucus Room. I urge all Members and staff to attend.

I believe Members from both sides of the aisle can agree that renewable energy and energy efficiency will be a big part of our effort to wean ourselves from a dangerous reliance on foreign oil.

This new and developing sector of the economy will generate thousands of new jobs, high-paying green collar jobs, that will remain in America and won't be outsourced.

The union of renewable energy and energy efficiency with the built environment will not only generate new jobs and new technology, but it will help to immediately address global climate change. According to recent studies, the quickest and easiest way to positively affect global climate change is to design and build—or retrofit—high-performance green buildings. These buildings are energy efficient, healthy, safe, and secure.

Developing buildings that use renewable energy and seeking energy efficiency is a win for the economy, for the environment, and for the people who work in them.

#### MEDIA FAIRNESS INITIATIVE: MEDIA DONATIONS FAVOR DEMOCRATS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the story of the 2008 election is being told by a partisan media. If you have any doubt, just follow the money.

An analysis by Investor's Business Daily shows that journalists contributed 15 times more money to Democrats than Republicans during this election cycle. While 235 journalists donated to Democrats, just 20 gave to Re-

publicans, a margin of more than 10-1. And journalists who gave to Senator OBAMA outnumbered those who contributed to Senator MCCAIN by a 20-1 margin. No wonder nearly seven in 10 Americans say the media wants Senator OBAMA to win the election, according to a recent poll.

Mr. Speaker, we need to promote fairness and objectivity in journalism. Only then we will restore Americans' faith in the media.

#### CONSUMER SAFETY

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House passed two pieces of legislation critical to consumer safety, both in my district in south Florida and of course throughout the United States.

The first bill, the Product Safety Modernization Act, bans dangerous chemicals in the manufacture of children's toys to keep them safe. The second bill, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, grants the FDA necessary authority to restrict tobacco marketing and sales to children.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities as parents that we have is to keep our children safe. I'm proud that we passed these bills by a bipartisan majority to demonstrate that we will not allow our children to be exposed to toxic chemicals by unscrupulous toy manufacturers or cigarette company marketers.

The rash of product recalls in the last year prove that we must be vigilant when it comes to consumer safety. Thanks to this week's legislation, parents in south Florida and across the Nation can rest a little easier.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Mr. WESTMORELAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I want to call today your attention to something yesterday. We had a vote 213-212 to adjourn this House without passing a comprehensive energy bill, without being able to vote on drilling. So what I've done, Mr. Speaker, I've got a number here. Call (202) 224-3121. Ask for Speaker PELOSI if you want to make sure that we do something before we leave this Chamber today or tomorrow to vote on drilling; or call and ask for your Member of Congress and find out if they were the swing vote that made us leave this city without voting for you.

But I'll tell you what, not only are they leaving Washington, DC, they're going to get on jets on your dime. They're going to fly to Africa and Europe and all over this world on your dime while you don't have money at

your house to go on a family vacation, or even go to the store sometimes, they're going to be flying around here.

Call this number. Mr. Speaker, I hope they will put it on the Internet. I hope we will let Speaker PELOSI, the Democratic leadership, know we're tired of this. We need to know where you stand. We need to drill for U.S. oil.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROSS). Members are reminded they must address their remarks to the Chair.

#### CONGRATULATING THE ENERGY RENEWABLE AND ENERGY EFFI- CIENCY CAUCUS

(Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, in contrast, I would like to just stand up and, again, like so many others, not rail on somebody, but to thank the bipartisan Energy Renewable and Energy Efficiency Caucus.

Our country is facing deep, deep energy problems, and I think the good people of Kansas certainly understand that the way that we're going to address that is coming and looking at the bipartisan commonsense solutions.

I want to just congratulate—this is a bipartisan group—the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus. And I would like to specifically thank Representative MARK UDALL and Representative ZACH WAMP, a Republican, for coming together and making this such an important issue. It's over in the Cannon Caucus Room. And I certainly ask each of us to get over there and to support this bipartisan effort.

You know, I think people in Kansas are sick and tired of everybody railing on somebody else. It's time that we work together.

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#### THE EFFECTS OF HIGH GASOLINE PRICES

(Mr. CARTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, today in Texas the temperature is going to be about 103 to 105 degrees. It's going to be hot, and it's been hot for the last 2 weeks.

Last night I had the pleasure of visiting with some of my constituents back home, several hundred of them. And at this time of the year, Texans generally try to get their old folks and their kids out of the heat wherever they can. So historically Texans have loaded up in their pickups with their campers or their tents, and they have gone to visit our neighbors in New Mexico and Colorado to get a little bit

up in the mountains and get a little bit cooler so we can stay alive when this heat hits us.

But it's not happening in Texas today because, quite frankly, ordinary folks can't afford to load up their pickup, put gasoline in it, and drive the distance it takes to get to the mountains. And they're concerned about it, and they're worried about it. And they want to know if they are having to take the heat, why can't this House stand the heat and stay here until we have resolved this issue of offshore drilling and drilling in other parts of the country.

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPO AND FORUM

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, what the American people want is for us in a bipartisan effort to come together and use all the energy tools in our energy tool box to, in fact, solve America's energy problems. Such an effort is being sponsored today in part by the House Renewable Energy and Efficiency Caucus, of which I am a member.

Renewable energy and energy efficiency are important tools for reducing our reliance on imported oil and addressing climate change. In my home State of California in 2007, 23.5 percent of our electricity came from renewable resources such as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, and hydroelectric facilities. We've made a lot of progress. The Fresno-Yosemite Airport near my district recently installed solar panels that provide 40 percent of the airport's need for electricity. At my alma mater, Fresno State, we've built shaded parking using solar panels that provide over 20 percent of the energy necessary for the university. We also have dairy farmers and utility companies partnering together to generate electricity through methane gas.

This is the kind of partnership and cooperation and collaboration we need. This is an exciting time for renewable energy and energy efficiency. I encourage all to visit this very important expo and forum in the Cannon Office Building.

#### HONORING MICHAEL DEAN RAMBO

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Dean Rambo of Colleyville, Texas.

Michael was an outstanding husband, father, and scout master for Troop 28. Michael was always looking for an opportunity to give back to the community in which he lived. He loved his family and friends, and they loved him.

Michael always had a childlike wonder and awe of the world around him

and a thirst for knowledge. His example and enthusiasm made those around him want to learn more and do more.

Michael was always up for a challenge and always willing to lend a hand. He was the cubmaster for Pack 254 before taking the lead role for Troop 28. Michael was the guiding light for Troop 28 for 12 years and helped them earn Colleyville's first service award.

Among Michael's many accomplishments, he earned his Eagle Scout at age 13. He earned a select student in science and math degree from Stephen F. Austin University, and he went on to earn a master's degree from UT Arlington. His favorite people were his sons, Patrick Rambo and Aaron Rambo, and his wife, Mary Margaret.

Michael Rambo selflessly served the community. He loved his family and friends, and he enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a role model of superior citizenship who had a tremendous impact on our lives.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1338, PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1388 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1338) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the

Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. During consideration in the House of H.R. 1338 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida, a member of the Rules Committee, Mr. DIAZ-BALART. All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only. I yield myself such time as I may consume. I also ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 1388.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 1388 provides for consideration of H.R. 1338, the Paycheck Fairness Act, under a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate controlled by the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule makes in order six amendments which are printed in the Rules Committee report, and the rule also provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation recently celebrated the 160th anniversary of the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. This groundbreaking convention was dedicated to the key principle in the Declaration of Independence that we are all created equal. Women have had a hard time to recognize that because it took more than 70 years for us to pass legislation giving women the right to vote.

But in the years since Seneca Falls, generations of courageous women have made great strides towards equality. From securing a woman's right to vote in 1920 to serving our country in World War II, American women have come a long way. In this Congress alone, we have much to celebrate. Speaker PELOSI is the first woman to lead this esteemed body. And Senator CLINTON made "18 million cracks" in the Nation's highest glass ceiling as the first woman to run a formidable Presidential campaign.

Yet as we celebrate these important milestones and look back on all we